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PENETRATION-PROMOTING EYE DROP

REQUEST FOR EXAMINER-INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner asserts that the Information Disclosure Statements filed on February 26, 2008 and March 6, 2008 fail to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, and MPEP § 609, because there is no translation of EP 0243408 (correctly EP 0243308) and there is no supplemental search report submitted.

U.S. Patent No. 4,829,083 is a counterpart U.S. application of EP 0243308, and was submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 26, 2006. Applicants submit a copy of the PTO-1449 dated April 26, 2006, identifying U.S. Patent 4,829,083 as reference "AF," and an INPADOC patent family listing from esp@cenet, which identifies that the two references are from the same patent family.

Accordingly, although EP 0243308 is not in English, Applicants respectfully request express consideration of the reference on the PTO-1449 form filed March 6, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: PTO-1449 Form dated April 26, 2006
INPADOC listing for EP 0243308

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